

## House Resolution No.

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens; and

**Whereas**, the members now pause to recognize Richard W. Largent, of Joplin, Missouri, who will soon retire from his position as Planning and Community Development Manager of the City of Joplin, a post he has held since 2001, after thirty-seven years of civic service; and

**Whereas**, Richard Largent has distinguished himself in many ways in his service to Joplin, including the development of five master plans, several neighborhood revitalization plans, updated zoning codes, and directing four transportation plans, three transit plans, and a bike and pedestrian trail; and

**Whereas**, among Richard Largent's other accomplishments are directing the installation of a first-generation GIS in 1992, managing the Joplin MPO, being directly involved in three local economic development corporations, coordinating a neighborhood revitalization demonstration program, and managing the CDBG program; and

**Whereas**, Richard Largent is currently completing a single-family subdivision providing home-ownership for low-income families through a variety of partnerships and directing the development of a regional para-transit system operating in one hundred square miles in and around the City of Joplin; and

**Whereas**, well known and respected for his community service, Richard Largent is a soccer coach for the Joplin Boys & Girls Club and a Cub Scout Leader, on a professional level, he is a member of the American Planning Association, the Missouri Chapter of American Planning Association, the Missouri Economic Development Council, the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce, and the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials; and

**Whereas**, a holder of a bachelor's degree in sociology of Missouri Southern State University, Richard Largent nobly served his country in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War and in the Missouri National Guard for eighteen years, retiring as First Sergeant from the 203<sup>rd</sup> Engineering Battalion; and

**Whereas**, Richard Largent is the beloved husband of Barbara Largent and the devoted father of Justin Largent and his wife, Bekki, and the loving grandfather of Hannah and Lauren Largent:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our most sincere congratulations to Richard Largent on the illustrious occasion of his retirement from civic service, with our deepest gratitude, and to give him our best wishes for success in all his future endeavors; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Richard W. Largent.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Ronald F. Richard  
District No. 129

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. \_\_\_\_, adopted \_\_\_\_, 2007.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker